

RENEWAL OF BAPTISM

January 10, 2021

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Lord and life-giving Spirit, who charged the waters with life when first the world began:

People: Make us dead to sin, but alive to you.

Pastor: Saving Lord, who sheltered us with Noah in the ark upon the flood:

People: Drown our sin and raise us to new life.

Pastor: Giver of freedom, who led your people out of slavery through the waters that did not overwhelm:

People: Drown our sin and raise us to new life.

Pastor: O God, our provider, who gives thirsty people water from a rock:

People: Make us dead to sin, but alive to you.

Pastor: Holy Lord, who gives water to purify what is unclean:

People: Drown our sin and raise us to new life.

Pastor: Brooding Spirit, who anointed Jesus with your power of life no death could conquer:

People: Make us dead to sin, but alive to you.

Pastor: Risen Lord Jesus Christ, who poured yourself out as a drink offering on our behalf, filling us with your Spirit:

People: Make us dead to sin, but alive to you.

Pastor: Spirit of the Living God, who charges the waters of baptism with resurrection power so we might live as part of God's New Creation:

People: Drown our sin and raise us to new life.

Pastor: Drench us once more in your life-giving Spirit, Almighty God, that we might be cleansed, sustained, and anointed with your power as we proclaim with boldness and live with joy the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to whom be all honor and dominion and glory now and forevermore.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Through our baptism into Christ, we were redeemed from our slavery to the powers of sin and made citizens of God's Commonwealth. Let us remember what God has done and is doing by renewing our baptismal vows, renouncing sin and professing faith in Christ Jesus.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

People: I do.

Pastor: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

People: I do.

Pastor: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

People: I will, with God's help.

Pastor: Do you renounce evil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

People: I do.

Pastor: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love, to your life's end?

People: I will, with God's help.

Pastor: With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

***Affirmation of Faith:** "The Apostles' Creed"

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastor: Spirit of the Living God, hover once more over us as you did at creation, energizing us with your life, that as we remember our baptism in Christ, we may be an open conduit of your Holy Spirit flooding all of creation with blessings of your abundant, redeemed life. We ask this in the precious name of Jesus, the living water, to your glory we pray.

All: Amen.